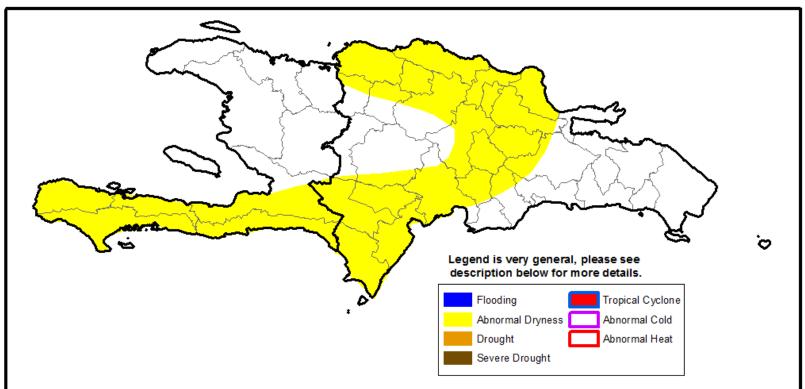


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook September 11 – September 17, 2014

Moderate to locally heavy rains were observed across Dominican Republic and central Haiti.



Rains continued to be moderate to heavy (>25mm) for a third consecutive week across much of Hispaniola. The heaviest rainfall totals (>30mm) were located along the northern coastline of the Dominican Republic, although heavy rains were also observed across southeastern Dominican Republic and central Haiti as well. Overall, weekly rainfall was average to above-average across central/southern Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The light to moderate rains (5-20mm) in southern Haiti helped to provide some relief to dry conditions felt during the past thirty-days. However, thirty-day rainfall is still between 25% and 80% of normal. The long-term rainfall deficits over parts of Hispaniola are reflected in poor ground conditions as shown in NDVI anomalies. Poor ground conditions extend across southern Haiti and into bordering areas of the Dominican Republic. Meanwhile, the recent abundant rains have led to rainfall surpluses across eastern Dominican Republic and improving ground conditions. Though, additional weeks of seasonal to above-average rainfall are still needed to counteract the long-term dryness associated with the erratic seasonal rainfall to date. For the next week, moderate to heavy rain (>15mm) is forecast across central Haiti and central/eastern Dominican Republic. These rains should help to reduce localized dryness. However, lighter rains (<15mm) are forecast for dry areas in southwestern Dominican Republic and southern Haiti.